

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, October 4, 2012
MINUTES**

Chairperson Olson called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members Present: Chairperson Olson, Dorothy "Doc" Brueggen, Martha DeLong, Phil Nies, Dan Grothe, Steve Friendshuh and Clerk Warshawsky. Members Absent: John McCue and Mark Lastrup.

Clerk Warshawsky affirmed agenda was posted in accordance with open meetings law.

Motion by Nies, seconded by Brueggen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by Grothe to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Olson reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County approving the Eckerline application with conditions.

ZONING:

Variance Application – Andris Baltins etux. The NW ¼ SW ¼, S12, T 40N, R 9W; Parcel 3202. Doc# 287141. 39.36 acres. Property is zoned Residential/Recreational One. Application is for **Option A:** The construction of a 10' x 10' and a 16' x 36' addition onto an existing 15' x 18' dwelling with screen porch located 50' from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of Petty Lake. The proposed addition would be 59' at the closest point to the OHWM. **Option B:** The construction of a similar addition, the closest point being at 59' from the OHWM but would angle back further away from the lake. Variance is requested as Section 14.1, Sawyer County Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance, would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure located closer than 75' to the OHWM of the lake. The Town Board approved a new option (Option C) with additional comments.

Olson presented the application, which was the same application as the first time through. The applicant was present. Olson explained that the Board of Appeals allowed a rehearing and the County is requesting that we start over because the applicant has new information. The applicant wants Plan C. Discussion followed. The Planning Committee approved and the Board approved. Olson asked if the committee wants to go with their original decision. Motion by Nies to approve Option C with the same reasons, seconded by Grothe. Discussion followed. Friendshuh is listed as the adjacent owner and he is not. Olson abstained from voting because he may be on the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Crew Chief, Truit Campbell presented the Windigo Boat Landing expansion update. Campbell reported that the privy has been installed. Friendshuh asked if the bathrooms were going to be locked. Nies said that the Town does not lock the bathrooms. Discussion followed. Olson asked when the gazebo is going to be delivered. Campbell said that the gazebo would be delivered next week. Discussion followed.

Two benches at Williams Road Park were taken. The benches were set in concrete. Someone took both benches and filled the holes in. Olson said the Doc is going to mention it in her article. The Town has lost a grill top and two benches.

Nies reported that the picnic tables will be ordered and grills are in. Nies will have signs ordered signs for Windigo Park. Olson said that the project should be completed this year. Discussion followed.

Nies presented the update on conditional use permits for accessory buildings. Nies reported that this topic will be presented to Land and Water. The Zoning Ordinance needs to be changed. Accessory structures need to be added to the Zoning Ordinance. Conditional use permits can be granted in any zoning district provided the Town approves and both lots are tied to a parcel (the accessory structure is across a Town road from a dwelling). The topic will be discussed next Wednesday at Land and Water. Nies said that if this passes, the Planning Committee will have to set criteria.

Olson reported that Lastrup was going to have ideas for projects for the committee tonight but is not here. Olson reviewed at what the Town has in inventory:

Spring Lake Boat Landing is done.

Grindstone Shallows Phase 1 is done.

Grindstone Shallows Phase 2 is the trails - not done. This will be a joint venture with the County.

Small Boat Landing on LCO Drive - Campbell is repairing the dock

Windigo Boat Landing – done

Durphee Boat Landing -- done short of purchasing property for parking.

Edmond Packee said that parking at LCO is a problem. We need something that says “No Parking” on either side of the corner. The corner is really dangerous. Olson said that it is on list to look at next spring. Discussion followed.

Packee suggested a bike trail on Highway K. The County can widen the road when they repave. Nies said that he would speak to County. Discussion followed.

Olson mentioned looking at snowshoe trails at Town Hall Park and places for view sheds, gazebos, benches, etc. Nies said that we need to go back and look for worthy projects. Non-motorized nature trails and a future sewer project was mentioned.

Nies reported that the Town has trees 8–10 years from harvest and the land could be used for a soccer field. Nies said that some funds are coming in from the sale of timber behind Grindstone Shallows.

Olson said the Town has some big chunks of land and we need to be creative with our money.

Olson said the topic will be discussed more next month and asked the committee to think of a major project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nies presented the Poplar Road update. Nies said that everyone thought that the end of Poplar was part of the Town road and a nice place for a picnic table. The land is owned by Mrs. Smith. She lives on Highway K and the land is held in Trust by the Federal Government. Discussion followed.

Clerk Warshawsky reported that it will cost approximately \$3,200.00 to update chapters 1, 2 and 3 of the Comprehensive Plan. Nies said he is not sure how much the data has changed and we won't know unless we purchase the update. Discussion followed. Olson will review and look at the budget.

Motion by Doc, seconded by Nies to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.